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In the Application of

RICHARD P. LAMOTHE

for: APPARATUS FOR SLITTING,
MERGING AND CUTTING A
CONTINUOUS PAPER WEB

Serial No.: 10/087,559

Filed: March 1, 2002

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003, the time for
response extending to March 18, 2003 by the accompanying One Month Extension of
Time, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the existing rejection in view of
Applicant's amendments and remarks below.

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